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SUBJECT	Federal Circuit Court Amendment (Costs and Other Measures) Rules 2018

The *Federal Circuit Court Rules 2001* ("the Rules") are reviewed regularly. The Judges of the Federal Circuit Court have agreed to the following miscellaneous amendments which are comprised in the attached Amendment Rules.

The Rules and the Explanatory Statement are in the process of being registered and information on the Court's website will be updated.

The amendments in **Schedule 1 Part 1** increase the itemised amounts of costs comprised in Schedule 1 of the Rules. These increases follow recommendations made by the Joint Costs Advisory Committee in their 10th Report. **These increases apply to work done or services performed after the commencement of the Schedule.**

The amendments in **Schedule 1 Part 2** comprise miscellaneous amendments to the Rules being:

- Removing a reference to *primary dispute resolution* in subrule 10.01(3)(g) as this terminology is no longer used in the *Federal Circuit Court of Australia Act 1999* or the *Family Law Act 1975*. Instead it has been replaced with reference to *dispute resolution* and *family counselling*;
- Including in Schedule 3 Part 2 the application of the following Federal Court Rules:
 - **Rule 6.11** – Use of communication device or recording device in place where hearing taking place;
 - **Division 7.3** – Preliminary discovery

Yours sincerely,

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